MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Was he satisfied that it was in a bad condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is what he says.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Has the Executive Engineer inspected the road at any time before he went along with the Chief Engineer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): How many times has the Executive Engineer visited the road last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No information has been collected on that point. Besides, that does not seem to arise as a supplementary question in this connection, Sir.

Training School for Women in North Travancore.

215. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Training Schools for Vernacular School Teachers in the State?

(2) Are the Government aware that women teachers in the northern parts of the State are put to very great inconvenience in having to go all the way to Trivandrum to get themselves trained?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of starting a Training School for women teachers somewhere in North Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 20 of which 11 are departmental and 9 private.

(2) The Government are aware that women teachers in departmental schools in the northern districts are put to some inconvenience for want of a departmental training school there.

(3) Yes.

Percentages of Passes in History in the E. S. L. C. Examinations.

216. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the percentages of passes in optional histories in the E. S. L. C. Examinations in the last three years (1100 to 1102);

(*b*) whether they consider the percentages sufficiently satisfactory; and

(*c*) if not, whether they have enquired into the causes of failure in both Indian and English histories?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Of those examined in History of India, and those examined in the History of Great Britain and Ireland, the percentages of those securing 35 per cent. of the maximum marks for the last three years are given below:—

	1925	*1926*	*1927*
History of India	48·7	54·4	63·9
History of Great Britain and Ireland	40·6	55·3	43·7

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(*b*) The percentages are not entirely satisfactory but those for History of India for the last two years 1926, 1927 are better than those for Algebra and Geometry (51 and 56·5 respectively) and Physics (51 and 57·9 respectively). The percentages for History of Great Britain and Ireland are less satisfactory but in 1926 they were higher than those for Algebra and Geometry and those for Physics.

(*c*) The causes of failures which seemed abnormal were enquired into.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): With reference to answer to part (c), may I know, what was the result of the enquiry made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Public Instruction reports that one of the reasons for the failure is that admissions to History Group are generally from students who are not as efficient and able as those admitted to Mathematics and other Groups. This is one of the chief reasons.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Was this admission made only for the last three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has been perhaps going on for some time and the result is this.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is the member aware that the results in History Examination were far better before these three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That may be all right so far as History subject is concerned. In other subjects students may be very poor.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is it in regard to the failure in History that this question is put?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But the member says that the results were far better.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) I am talking of the percentage of passes in History.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Then there is no necessity to make any complaint about the abnormal failure.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): What was the condition before three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably it is a gradual deterioration.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know the persons responsible, teachers or students or Board of Examiners, for the gradual deterioration?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We cannot lay the blame on any single individual, because the students who go for Mathematics and Physics Group may be a better class of students. So, it may be the fault of students themselves. They are perhaps not up to the mark.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Was this not the condition even before three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The inclination of better class of students is towards the Science Group.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is it the member's opinion that students in History class are deteriorating in intellect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not say that. The tendency generally is for the brighter students to take the Science Group.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is this deterioration observed in the University Examinations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not here.

Statement, by castes, of appointments made by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

217. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of appointments made by the present Inspectress of Girls' Schools since she took charge of her office up to the 1st Mithunam 1102?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As the present Inspectress of Girls' Schools has been in charge of her appointment from 1084, the statistics required extend over a period of more than 18 years. As the preparation of such a statement is impracticable, the Government regret they cannot furnish it.

Admission of Students to the Junior Intermediate and B. A. Classes of the Science College.

218. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received for admission to the Intermediate and B. A. classes in the Science College during this year (1102);

(*b*) the number of students admitted to those classes;

(*c*) the number of admissions to the Intermediate and B. A. classes in 1101;

(*d*) the number of foreigners admitted this year;

(*e*) whether the Government have issued instructions to restrict the number of fresh admissions, and, if so, the number restricted in each class; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that students who have passed the Intermediate Examination from the Science College were refused admission to the B. A. class, and, if so, how many such students were refused admission.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The member is referred to the answer given to parts (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*) (*d*) of question 196 asked by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

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